



**Community Forestry Commission
Community Auditorium
1915 Main Street, Forest Grove, OR
March 21, 5:31 pm
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President – Mark Nakajima

Members Present: Mark Nakajima, Dale Wiley, Jen Warren, David Hunter, Bruce Countryman

Members Absent: Lance Schamberger

Staff Present: Dan Riordan

Council Liaison: Ron Thompson

Student Advisor: Solomon Clapshaw

Citizen New Member / Introduction: None

Minutes Approval: David moved – Bruce seconded to approve the January 17, 2018 and February 21, 2018, meeting minutes with corrections.

OLD BUSINESS:

Community Enhancement Application Review - Dan presented the application he has prepared for funding to do the downtown street trees, baseline development and other factors. The application is attached to the minutes. The Commission discussed the scope of work, time lines and how the process could work as far as engineering and then a progression to a contract, with parts of the contract possibly be scoped into a grant application for next year's CEP grants.

Reuter Farms Park Oak Tree Planting Arbor Day – April 24, 2018. 11 am at Reuter Farms Park. City Parks will dig the holes. The Commission discussed how to procure the trees and options for the trees. Bruce suggested that we favor the Oregon white oaks as representative of the local urban forest. Two trees will be planted.

Dan showed the ad that will come out in the News Times for the Arbor Day event.

Mark will contact EF Nursery about the trees and David will mark for location.

Dan mentioned the Arbor Day proclamation will be read at the City Council meeting on Monday April 9th, 2018.

NEW BUSINESS: The Commission discussed the redwood tree removal at the Fitzgerald Residence on 18th Street.

MEMBER UPDATE: Mark noted his son had said that there are no trees in the downtown area of Lebanon.

Solomon reported on his trip to Washington DC and attended the National League of Cities conference, at which over 6,000 people attended. They went to the US Congress and met with the Oregon Congressional Delegation of Merkley, Bonamici and Wyden.

LIAISON UPDATE: Ron updated the Commission on the Tiny House symposium in Albany, and the potential to help the homeless problem.

Ron also mentioned that Tuality Hospital is closing the Forest Grove facility and moving the medical operations to Hillsboro.

The Raines Dialysis center is progressing in the construction process.

The City has purchased the two pieces of property on the Birch Street and 19th Avenue to be incorporated into the next City building project. With the purchase of the property the City owns the entire block bounded by Birch Street, Pacific Avenue, Ash Street and 19th Avenue.

The City is getting ready for the 2018 budget year.

NEXT MEETING: April 18, 2018 5:30 pm – City Auditorium

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: David moved - Jen seconded to adjourn at 6:37 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Dale Wiley, CFC Secretary